The Family Center for Children And Youth with Special Health Care Needs Between You and Me..... About Young Adult Conference Scholarships

Living with special health needs is certainly an educational experience. Sometimes, the information we seek is really hard to find. Either the condition is extremely rare, or research and treatment are moving ahead so rapidly that the written information available is outdated. We know that in order to give our kids the best possible care, we need to have solid, current information. We also know that we often get the most helpful tips by talking with people who live and breathe the same every day.

We are fortunate to have been granted a small amount of funding from the Children's Special Needs Fund to assist young adults in attending conferences that relate to their Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) eligible condition or relate to disability advocacy and education. As you can imagine the requests we receive usually exceed the budget so we must set up a few guidelines.

To be eligible for this scholarship, you need to meet all the following guidelines:

Be between the ages of 16-25

Have a CSHCS eligible medical diagnosis

Typically, we award one scholarship per person or family once every two years.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Complete the <u>Young Adults Scholarship Application</u>. The application tells us the name, date and location of the conference, (please send a copy of the conference brochure) why you wish to go and a budget that describes exact amount of funding you are requesting.
- 2. Mail the request to the Family Center Office.

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- 3. You will receive a letter telling what decision has been made. If the scholarship has been approved by the review committee, you will receive a letter of agreement which must be signed before the scholarship is processed. If you are under the age of 18 a parent or legal guardian must sign the agreement.
- 4. Sign and return the <u>agreement</u>. We will process a check to you in the approved amount.
- 5. Have a great time, learn a lot!
- 6. Upon return of the conference collect all receipts and create a brief report that describes what you learned at the conference that you would like to share with others and fill in the Young Adult Expense Report.
- 7. Send us your report and follow up materials from the conference.

If you have any questions please call the Family Phone Line 1-800-359-3722.